



BOROUGH OF SAINT IVES  
(HUNTS.)



**MEDICAL OFFICER'S  
AND  
SANITARY INSPECTOR'S  
REPORT 1938.**

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MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour to present to you the Medical Officer's and Sanitary Inspector's Report on the conditions of the Borough during the year 1938.

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### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	...	...	...	2326 acres
Estimated Population (Mid. 1938)	...			2620
Number of Inhabited Houses	...	...		881
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£14,481
Value of Penny Rate	...	...	...	£56

### VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

BIRTHS.—26 males and 18 females were registered as belonging to the area, of which 2 males and 4 females were illegitimate; in addition there were 3 still-births all legitimate. The live birth-rate was therefore 16·8 per 1000 of population as compared with 15·1 for England and Wales. The still-birth rate is 1·14 as compared with 0·60 for England and Wales.

DEATHS.—20 were registered in the Borough, of whom one was a visitor, and eight others belonging to the Borough died elsewhere. Therefore there were 27 deaths of residents, 13 males and 14 females. This is a rate of 10·3 per 1000 of population as compared with 11·6 for England and Wales.

When allowance is made for the average age of our population, our comparison rate becomes 7·9.

There were no deaths from Puerperal causes, Measles, Whooping Cough or Diarrhoea (under 2 years).

From Cancer there were 6 deaths, 16 or 59 % of the total were of persons over 65.

Under one year of age there were no deaths. In the 10 previous years 364 children were born with 10 deaths under one year, a rate of 27 per 1000 births: for last year this rate for England and Wales was 53.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Your Medical Officer is a part time officer ; the Sanitary Inspector is a member of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

There have been no changes or developments in the Public Health Services during the year, Laboratory facilities, Ambulances and Nursing in the home. They are working satisfactorily.

### SANITARY CONDITIONS

1.—(1) WATER.—The East Hunts. Water Co. supply the water for the area in bulk, frequent samples are taken by the Company which have proved satisfactory. No shortage has been experienced, no important extension of the main have been made during the year, but minor extensions have taken place to cover new properties on the fringe of the supply.

(2) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE,—There has been no important extension of Sewerage in the district during the year, where possible drainage has been extended to meet the demands of new buildings erected, and the existing system has continued satisfactory,

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS.—No nuisances have arisen with regard to pollution of river and streams in the area, and no complaints have been received from the Ouse Catchment Board who are the responsible authority for the control of the River Great Ouse which flows through the Borough.

The minor streams in the area under the supervision of the Council are cleaned out at regular periods.

3.—(1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.—49 Pails have been substituted by closets on the water carriage system, and 95 pails now remain in the district.

(2) PUBLIC CLEANSING.—No alteration has taken place with regard to those services during the year. The work is carried out by contract under the supervision of the Council, and has proved satisfactory.



- (4) **SHOPS AND OFFICES.**—The Shops and Offices in the area have been periodically inspected. The defects found were all of a minor character and have been remedied by informal action.
- (5) **CAMPING SITES.**—No sites in the area were used for camping purposes during the year and therefore no licences were issued.
- (6) **SMOKE ABATEMENT.**—No nuisances have arisen from smoke in the area.
- (7) **SWIMMING BATHS & POOLS.**—The Council control an open-air swimming bath, which is situated between the main river Ouse and a backwater, the stream continually flows through the baths which ensures a constant change of water. The bath is scoured out before the commencement of each season.
- (8) **ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.**—No Council Houses were found infested with bed bugs, but 4 other houses were infested and disinfested. The method employed was by fumigation with sulphur gas and spraying with “Matafli,” supplied by Messrs. Cooper, McDougall & Robertson, Ltd., and carried out by the Council.

## HOUSING

### 1 *Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—*

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|---|---------|
| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)   | ... 201 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose  | 380     |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 | ... 56  |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose  | 115     |

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	0
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	126
2. <i>Remedy of defects during the Year without Service of formal notices :—</i>		
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	...	5
3. <i>Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :—</i>		
(a)—Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	6
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :		
(a) By owners	...	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners		0
(b)—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	103
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—		
(a) By owners	...	103
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners		0
(c)—Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	0

(d)—Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	...	0

4. *Housing Act, 1939.—Part IV.—Overcrowding:—*

(a)—(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	...	0
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	...	...	0
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	0
(b)—Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	...	0
(c)—(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	1
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases			10
(d)—Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	...	...	0
(e)—Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report.			0

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) MILK SUPPLY.—There are 9 Cowsheds and Dairies in the area, which have been regularly inspected. No major alterations or improvements have been necessary, minor defects have been remedied by informal action. A large proportion of the milk retailed in the area is produced in the surrounding Rural District of St. Ives.
- (b) MEAT.—The number of registered Slaughter-houses (5) remains unchanged. The animals slaughtered continue to maintain a good standard and no whole carcasses have been condemned during the year.

It has been found necessary to issue informal notices to two occupiers of with regard to the removal of offal from the premises.

There is no Meat Marking System under Part III. of the Public Health Meat Regulations 1924 in force in the area.

(c) ADULTERATION, &c.—The County Council are the responsible Authority for the administration of the Acts relating to food and drugs.

FACTORIES.—No nuisances have arisen of importance, small infringements have been rectified by informal notice.

BAKEHOUSES.—Regular inspections of the registered bakehouses (3) have been made. The occupiers have always carried out any suggestions made, by informal notice.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Of Scarlet Fever there was one notification. Of Pneumonia there were three notifications.

TUBERCULOSIS

AGE PERIOD			New Cases				Deaths			
			Pulmonary		Non-Pul		Pulmonary		Non-Pul	
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
55	...	..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
65 and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals			0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1

After Infectious Disease and deaths from Tuberculosis and Malignant Disease, disinfection has been carried out with Formalin.

I am,  
Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,  
W. R. GROVE, M.D.  
Medical Officer Health.



# ST. IVES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Causes of, and Ages at Death during the year 1938.

	At all ages.	Un- der 1 year	1 and un- der 2	2 and un- der 5	5 and un- der 15	15 and un- der 25	25 and un- der 45	45 and un- der 65	65 and up- ward
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
ALL CAUSES.	27	0	0	0	1	0	3	7	16
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ... ..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever .. ..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough .. ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria .. ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Influenza ... ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...
Encephalitis lethargica	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro spinal Fever	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculosis of respiratory system .. ..	1	...	..	...	..	...	1	..	...
Other tuberculous diseases	1	...	..	...	..	...	...	1	...
Syphilis .. ..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
General Paralysis of the Insane (tabes dorsalis) ... ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cancer, malignant disease	6	...	..	...	...	..	...	3	3
Diabetes ... ..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebral hæmorrhage, etc.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...
Heart Disease .. ..	5	...	...	...	...	..	1	1	3
Aneurysm .. ..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other circulatory diseases	1	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	1
Bronchitis .. ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Pneumonia (all forms)	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	2
Other Respiratory diseases	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Peptic Ulcer .. ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...
Diarrhoea etc (under 2 years)	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..
Appendicitis .. ..	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	..	...
Cirrhosis of Liver .. ..	1	..	..	...	...	...	...	1	...
Other diseases of liver, &c.	1	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	1
Other digestive diseases	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Acute and chronic nephritis	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	1
Puerperal sepsis .. ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...
Other Puerperal Causes	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth and Malformation, etc.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...
Senility ... ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suicide ... ..	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	1
Other violence .. ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...
Other Defined Diseases	4	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	3
Causes ill-defined or unknown ..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Special Causes(including above)									
Smallpox ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Poliomyelitis .. ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Polioencephalitis .. ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
	27	0	0	0	1	0	3	7	16

# ST. IVES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Vital Statistics for the District during 1938 and previous years.

YEAR.	Population estimated to the middle of each year.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT			
		Uncorrected Number	Nett		Number.	Rate	of Non-residents regis- tered in the District.	of Residents not regis- tered in the District	Under 1 Year of age		At all ages	
			Number.	Rate					Number.	Rate per 1000 net Births	Number.	Rate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1933	2740	28	28	10·2	24	8·9	..	12	2	71·4	36	13·1
1934	2744	31	31	11·3	19	6·9	1	10	0	0·0	28	10·2
1935	2694	33	33	12·2	30	11·1	0	9	0	0·0	39	14·4
1936	2633	35	35	13·3	32	12·1	0	9	1	28·6	41	15·6
1937	2635	36	36	13·6	25	9·4	0	8	0	0·0	33	12·5
1938	2620	44	44	16·8	20	7·6	1	8	0	0·0	27	10·3



